

Docket No.: 062807-0160



PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
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Masataka SASAKI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 3488  
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Application No.: 10/773,283 : Group Art Unit: 2836  
: : Allowed: July 13, 2007  
Filed: February 09, 2004 : Examiner: Zeev V. KITOV  
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For: PROTECTION CIRCUIT FOR POWER MANAGEMENT SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICES AND POWER CONVERTER HAVING THE PROTECTION CIRCUIT

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF  
REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 104(e)**

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Sir:

A Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanied the July 13, 2007 Notice of Allowability regarding the above-identified application. Although Applicants agree that the claims are patentable over the art, entry of the Statement into the record should not necessarily be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence by Applicants in the reasoning set forth in the Statement, particularly to the extent that the wording used in the Statement differs from the actual claim language and/or the otherwise proper interpretation of the claim language.

The Statement paraphrases claim 1, discusses Kimura et al. and asserts that Kimura et al. does not disclose elements of the paraphrased version of claim 1. The Statement also asserts that claim 11 "essentially rephrases the same limitations as Claim 1."

The patentable language of the allowed claims is already of record in the case and is adequately clear. There are differences between the paraphrased wording of the Statement and the clear language of claim 1, and the Statement totally overlooks differences in scope between independent claims 1 and 11. Also, the discussion of Kimura et al. is not attributable to Applicants. Applicants have previously expressed their positions on patentability, including patentability over Kimura et al.

It is respectfully submitted that the allowed claims should be entitled to the broadest reasonable interpretation and to the broadest range of equivalents that are appropriate in light of the language of the claims, the supporting disclosure and Applicants' prosecution of the claims, without reference to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

To the extent necessary, if any, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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